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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS/
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH

1. DR. NELSON DANTAS, SECRETARY OF PLANNING IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, CONTACTED EMBASSY REQUESTING
US ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TECHNICAL RESEARCH
CENTER UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS.

2. DANTAS INDICATED THAT HE HAS HAD SOME PRELIMINARY
CONTACT WITH MR. FRANK SMITH OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COM-
MERCE OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES, INSTITUTE
FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES, LOCATED IN BOULDER,
COLORADO. CONTACT WAS INITIATED IN DECEMBER 1973, BUT
AT THAT TIME GOB HAD NO STRUCTURED PLANS FOR THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF A RESEARCH CENTER. DANTAS HAS NOW REQUESTED
THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING DETAILED INFORMA-
TION ON THE CREATION, ORGANIZATION, AND WORKING OF THE
US INSTITUTE. HE PARTICULARLY ASKED FOR COPIES OF ANY
US LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE INSTITUTE
FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCIENCE.

3. DANTAS ALSO STATED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE MINISTRY WILL BE IN FRANCE DURING THE WEEK
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OF SEPTEMBER 16 TO VISIT A COMPARABLE FRENCH FACILITY

AND THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS WISH, AT SOME FUTURE DATE,
TO VISIT THE US INSTALLATION AT BOULDER. DANTAS
WAS VERY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING SOME INDICATION FROM
THE INSTITUTE THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE WELCOME.

4. COMMENT: GOB PLANS TO HAVE AT LEAST A PART OF ITS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE MINISTRY IS CURRENTLY
EXAMINING EXISTING FOREIGN RESEARCH FACILITIES TO ASSIST IN THE
DEVELOPMENT OF ITS OWN CENTER. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING TECHNICAL BACKGROUND ON THE INSTITUTE FOR
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SCIENCES FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE
MINISTRY AND SOME REACTION AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A
VISIT BY GOB OFFICIALS TO THE DOC OFFICE OF TELECOM-
MUNICATIONS SCIENCES, INSTITUTE FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS
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